(*b*) whether there is any written or unwritten rule that there should be a Christian Judge in the High Court as distinguished from the European Judge;

(*c*) whether there is a written or unwritten rule or convention that there should always be in the High Court a *Marumakkatayi* Judge; and

(*d*) whether the Government have laid down at the time of Sir P. Rajagopalachariar that two-thirds of the Judges in the High Court should be *Marumakkatayis*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*d*) The answer is in the negative in each case.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to part (*d*), may I know whether the Government of Sir P. Rajagopalachariar has laid down that two-thirds of the Judges in the High Court should be *Marumakkatayis*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer that the answer is in the negative.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): It may be negative with regard to two-thirds. But I ask whether it has been laid down that one-third of the Judges should be *Marumakkatayis*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is a fresh question for which I claim notice.

Location of the Kottarakara Dispensary.

159. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have asked the Administrative Board, Medical Services, to see if the removal of the Kottarakara dispensary to the local *satrom* is not equally inconvenient to the people there, as promised by them in their answer to question No. 127 asked on the 18th August 1926, and, if so, what reply has been received?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): At the suggestion of the Administrative Board, Medical Services, orders have been issued to move the dispensary to the rented building in which the Excise office is now located, that office being moved to the new building erected for it. The Board has also been asked to find out a suitable spot for putting up a building for the dispensary. An estimate has also been called for from the Chief Engineer.

Appointment of Delegates under the Nayar Regulation.

160. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have appointed delegates in the several Munsiffs' Courts of the State to aid the enquiry under Chapter II of the Nayar Regulation that came into force on the 1st Chingam 1101, and, if not, why; and who is responsible for the delay; and

(*b*) the number of divorce petitions filed and pending disposal in each of the Munsiffs' Courts of the State since the 1st Chingam 1101?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

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[Mr T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*b*) A statement* containing the required information is laid on the table.

First Grade Teachers in English Schools.

161. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points: –

(*a*) the number of vacancies at present in the *cadre* of first grade teachers in the English school branch of the Education Department;

(*b*) how long has each of these vacancies been left unfilled;

(*c*) why these vacancies were not filled up then and there; and

(*d*) whether there is any proportion fixed between the number of teachers in the first and in the second grades?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 10.

(*b*) The information required by the member is given below:—

One from the 21st Mithunam 1099.
One from the 24th Chingam 1100.
Three from the 25th Makaram 1100.
One from the 25th Mithunam 1100.
One from the 1st Karkatakam 1100.
One from the 26th Kanni 1101.
One from the 10th Tulam 1101.
One from the 16th Vrischikam 1101.

(*c*) Representations having been received from several teachers to the effect that they had not been assigned in the *Civil List* the rank to which they were rightly entitled, the question of revising the ranking of those in the general list of graduate teachers was taken up by the Government and it was ordered that the question of promotions to the first grade might lie over till the ranking was revised.

(*d*) Yes, the proportion is 1 : 3.

Vernacular Middle School Building, Neyyattinkara.

162. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (1) Are the Government aware that the building in which classes I to III of the Neyyattinkara Vernacular Middle School for Boys are held is in a perilous condition?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to take immediate steps to put the building in proper order?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The building is reported to be not in a quite safe condition.

(2) Instructions have already been issued to the Chief Engineer to attend to the repairs of the building at a very early date.

Filling of Vacancies in the English School, Neyyattinkara.

163. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when Mr. P. N. Narayana Pillai, teacher, English High School, Neyyattinkara, took leave;

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Appendix

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 160.**

Statement showing the number of divorce petitions under the Nayar Regulation filed and pending disposal in each of the Munsiffs' Courts in the State since 1st Chingam 1101.

Name of court.	No. of petitions filed since 1-1-1101.	No. of petitions pending disposal since 1-1-1101.	Remarks.
Nagercoil Additional Munsiff's Court ...	...	1	
Padmanabhapuram Principal Court ...	3	2	
Do. Additional Do. ...	2	1	
Kuzhittura Munsiff's Do. ...	1	...	
Trivandrum Principal Do. ...	18	8	39 were pending in 1101 and 49 were disposed of.
Attingal Principal Do. ...	7	5	
Do. Additional Do. ...	6	2	
Neyyattinkara Principal Do. ...	4	2	
Do. Additional Do. ...	3	1	
Quilon Principal Do. ...	4	1	
Do. Additional Do. ...	1	1	
Kottarakara Principal Do. ...	8	4	
Adur Munsiff's Court Do. ...	1	1	
Karunagapalli Do. ...	1	1	
Krishnapuram Do. ...	4	3	
Mavelikara Do. ...	6	2	
Chengannur Do. ...	7	4	
Alleppey Principal Do. ...	3	1	
Haripad Munsiff's Do. ...	14	7	
Shertallai Do. ...	3	3	
Vaikam Principal Do. ...	8	6	
Tiruvalla Munsiff's Do. ...	9	3	
Kanjirapalli Do. ...	5	4	
Kottayam Do. ...	7	3	
Minachil Principal Do. ...	5	1	
Parur Munsiff's Do. ...	5	2	
Perumpavur Do. ...	9	4	
Muvattupuzha Do. ..	4	1	

The other courts have no petitions either filed in them or pending disposal.

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